(c) The price of Automotive diesel in the other countries of the world varies from Rs. 14024/MT in Canada to Rs. 28471/MT in Japan.

Steps to check unauthorised gas cylinders

2187. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of unauthorised gas cylinders are in circulation in the country;

(b) if so, the number of unauthorised gas cylinders detected in bottling plants during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Some spurious LPG cylinders have been detected in certain parts of the country.

(b) The number of such cylinders detected in bottling plants during 1992-93 and 1993-94 is 5495 and 3778 respectively.

(c) Spurious cylinders are injected into the system by unscrupulous elements, after procuring the same from cylinder manufacturers. When approved and licensed cylinder manufacturers are found to manufacture and supply spurious cylinders, further procurement of cylinders from them by the oil Industry is suspended and statutory approvals are withdrawn. Police action against such manufacturers and those found involved in circulation of spurious cylinders is also taken. Suspected premises are raided, offenders are arrested and spurious cylinders seized.

Top Management Posts in IOC

2188. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that IOC is heading for a vacuum in the top management posts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Directors are going to retire by 31st July, 1994; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that top management positions are not left vacant for long periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Director (Marketing) superannuated on 31-7-1994.

(c) Necessary action is in progress to fill up the resultant vacancies as per prescribed procedure.

गुजरात में अन्य राज्यों को गैस की आपूर्ति

2189. श्रीमती उर्मिला बिमलभाई पटेल : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के पीपावाव गैस आधारित विद्युत संयंत्र को गैस आबंटित करने के संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या निर्णय लिया गया है ;

(ख) गुजरात में उत्पादित गैस से गुजरात को ही वंचित रखकर उसे दूसरे राज्यों को देने के पीछे क्या तर्काधार है, और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?